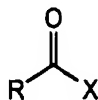


AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-43. (canceled)

44. (currently amended) A method of ~~attenuating the effects of age-associated cognitive impairment~~ treating Mild Cognitive Impairment (MCI) in a mammal, comprising the step of administering a pharmaceutical composition comprising a therapeutically effective amount of a compound having the formula:



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to said mammal, wherein:

X is -OH, -O-alkali metal, -NH₂, or -SH; and

R is -CH[(CH₂)₂CH₃]₂.

45-52. (canceled)

53. (previously presented) The method of claim 44, wherein said mammal is human.

54-62. (canceled).